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From: Patrick James Turner
To: Mike Powell
Date: Sun, Apr 13, 2003 4:40 PM
Subject: FCC rules change

Dear Mr. Powell

I heard on NPR that there is a movement to change the rules that limit how many media services a person or company may own. I support NOT changing the rules. It is the diverse reporting that allows an educated person to make an informed choice. Please leave well enough alone. We need to have the chance to hear all sides of a story. Thank-you for your time.

Patrick Turner

From: John Banks
To: Mike Powell, KathleenAbernathy. KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein. Michael Copps
Date: Mon, Apr 14, 2003 11:04 AM
Subject: deregulation petition

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Date: Mon, Apr 14, 2003 2:16 PM
Subject: revising rules of media ownership

Dear Mr. Chairman and FCC Commissioners:

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As we know from recent experience, bigger corporations are NOT better (Enron, World Com, etc); they're just dishonest on a larger scale. The conglomerate's concern is ALWAYS profits, no matter how they're made.

Is there any value to American society in handing even more control of its media outlets to a handful of companies? The citizenry will get an even more homogenous set of political, social and cultural messages that contribute to the corporations' bottom lines...and their political agendas – these companies are huge political contributors.

Deregulation is NOT the way to go when it comes to entrusting the means of communicating-- and influencing – the American public. Business doesn't give a damn about freedom of speech, local news and input, material and opinion that challenges the status quo, objectivity in reporting. They care about what's in their annual reports-- and even that's not to be trusted.

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Date: Mon, Apr 14, 2003 3:09 PM
Subject: Opposing a loosening of radio ownership rules

I am writing to oppose any further loosening on the restrictions of media ownership, i.e., the number of radio stations, televisions and newspaper outlets that may be owned by a single corporate entity.

I rarely write emails to the government; I am too busy running my small music business, in the niche of a cappella singing (singing without instruments). But I feel I am qualified to comment on this issue. I am:

- in the music business now (CDs, retail, sheet music, productions)
- formerly in the telecommunications business (15 years market research & venture capital)
- a registered republican
- an economist by training (Yale '81 BA distinction in Economics)

The fundamental flaw in the economic theory allowing continued consolidation is that the government already has a major role in creating the scarce resources in question: radio and television frequencies. Abdicating further responsibilities in allocating those scarce resources is simply irresponsible, and ignores the ample data of the last decade that media consolidation in radio has resulted in less consumer choice, not more. Specifically, Clear Channel has had a chilling effect on innovation in the music business.

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Maybe if satellite radio has a significant market share in 10 years, further consolidation should be allowed. Television is a good example - cable and satellite TV provide ample competition to local stations today. However, until that time, radio remains a unique and scarce resource which is already dominated by a very small number of corporations. If anything, the Justice Department should be pursuing antitrust actions. It is certainly not the time for the FCC to be allowing Clear Channel to solidify its stranglehold on radio.

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To: Mike Powell
Date: Mon, Apr 14, 2003 3:41 PM
Subject: Preserve Diversity and Openness in the Media and on the Internet

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Federal Communications Commission Chair Michael K. Powell
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To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner
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To: Mike Powell
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Subject: Preserve Media Diversity: Keep the FCC Rulemaking an Open Process

FCC Chairman Michael K. Powell
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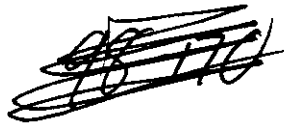
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The airwaves are owned by the public, for the benefit of the public. Therefore making more changes that will concentrate ownership and control into the hands of a very few corporations run counter to the constitutional foundations of our country. We should have a government that serves the people, "by the people for the people", and not for the appointed few to hand monopoly power to a few corporate hands that do not act in the interest or well being of a democratic society. We already see a degrading of the quality of news and entertainment due to prior deregulation. You will effectively destroy what little diversity, local control and editorial independence there is left. Radio has been a basket case for some years now due to your efforts. The only radio choices we have are 30 year old shock jocks with dirty minds and the maturity of 8 year olds. Music is nothing but bland or oldies. God help any artist that would try to be heard. Politically we are on life support instead of news or editorial comment we get screaming extreme confrontationists and no discussion of the real issues. Thanks for selling yourselves and the rest of the country out of free speech. J Bardis Tulsa OKa

CC: KM KJMWEB

From: Lisa
To: Kathleen Abernathy
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Subject: Protect our Children please

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I have tried desperately trying to teach parents to protect their children on line and when these stations who all our children watch are allowed to go far about the level of restruction that we as parents are trying to teach our furture adults that there ARE limites and there ARE consequences. Situtations such as this has become a joke and It mUST BETAKEN SERIOUSLY FOR THE SAKE OF OUR CHILDREN AND YOUR GRADCHILDRED AND SO ON. THIS CAN ONLY GROW INTO THE MONSTROSITY THAT IT IS ALLOWED TO GROW WITH SOMEONE TAKING THE RESPONSIBILITY TO HELP PARENTS LIKE MYSELF WHO (SOMETIME I THINK NO ONE IS LISTENING) THAT THEY KIDS ARE HEARING ON THESE SHOWS AND GOING TO THE WEBSITES LIKE BEASTEALITY.COM AND THEY HAVE BECOME IMMUNE TO WHAT IS NATUREAL AND WHAT IS TRULY SICK. PLEASE HELP ME SPREAD THE WORK PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW THIS TO SNOWBALL INTO THE LIVES OF OUR INNOCENT CHILDREN AND PRAY THAT ONE DAY THE PARENTS WILL CALL ON (PEOPLE) LIKE MYSELF WHO FEEL THIS IS MY CALLING TO PROTECT OUR CHILDREDN BY EDUCATING PARENTS.
THANK YOU

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